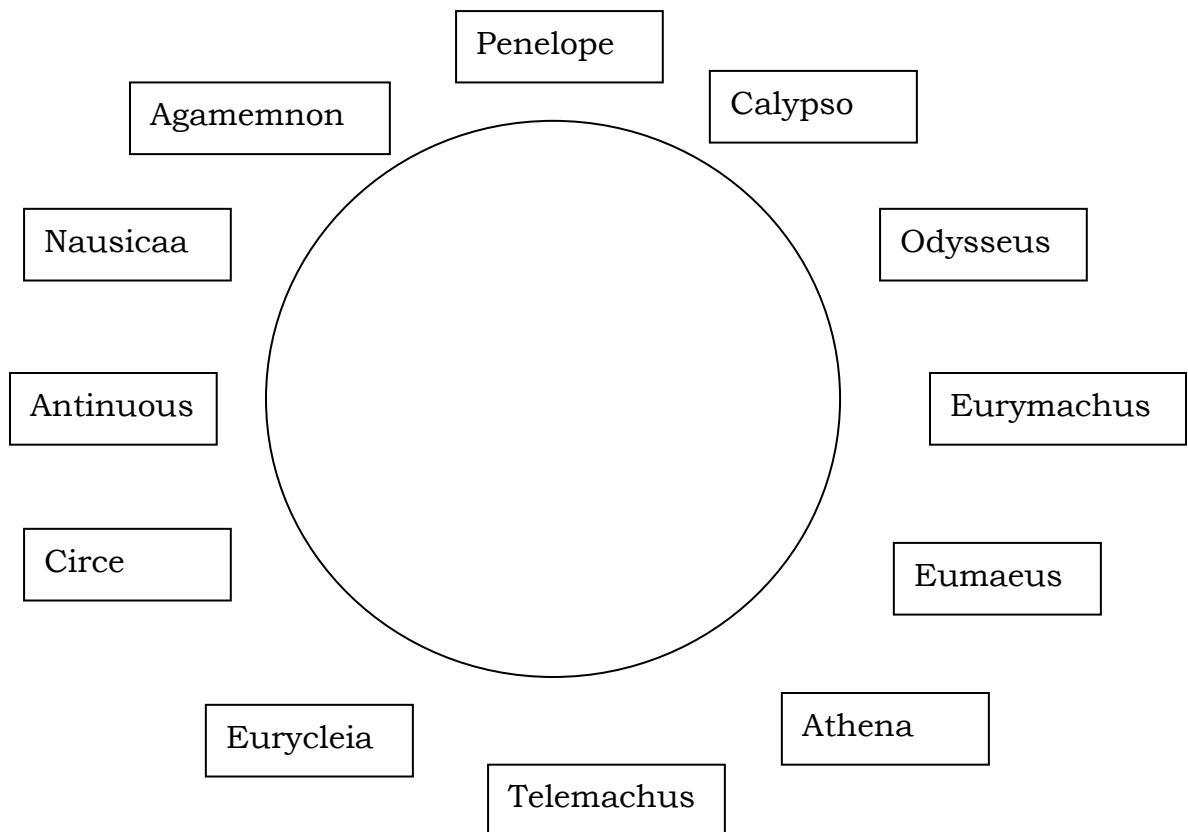


Your unit test on The Odyssey and mythology consists of two distinct sections.

The **first part** is the objective/Scantron portion, which asks you to (a) identify important characters, places, and terms [including vocabulary up through list 4], and (b) answer multiple choice questions that assess your understanding of the plot. This section will be relatively short.

The **second section** of your exam will be a ‘role play’ of sorts. You will assume the identity of one of the characters below, and be placed in the pre-determined seating arrangement at a large feast. You need to consider how you will converse with the people you are placed adjacent to. What will you say? How will you say it? How will you interact with others at the table? What will your general behavior be? Will you enjoy the food? What will you ask for more of? You’ll have to consider your feelings about the people around you as you carry on conversations at this large table.

The seating arrangement is as follows:



What I'll be looking for:

- Your clear understanding of the events in the story, as displayed by your conversation and behavior at the table
- Involvement! You must not stay silent. At real dinner parties the conversation becomes boisterous and animated, as guests converse and interact. Please don't explain silence with "They have nothing in common so they won't talk..." Everyone will have PLENTY to say.
- Your confident embodiment of your character. Of course, you won't know who you're playing until you come into class, but that's part of the fun!

How to prepare:

- Know the story.
- Be familiar with all the characters listed above, as well as those the above characters influenced and were influenced by.
- Consider what people all around the table might say. Consider topics of conversation, attitudes, desires, motivations, objectives. Brainstorm possible interactions.
- Relax and have fun.

Important Points:

- You should plan for approximately 15-20 minutes 'at the table'
- You may not bring notes.
- If you have any questions between now and Friday, email me.

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